

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for displaying upcoming program information on a monitor display screen comprising:
providing, on a display options menu, a plurality of upcoming program information display options, at least one of the upcoming program information display options being selected by a user;
receiving the selected upcoming program information display options to specify the upcoming program information to be displayed; and
displaying the upcoming program information specified by the selected display option on the monitor display screen.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the display options menu has a return feature, allowing user to navigate back to preference menu, the return feature being able to be selected by a user.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the display options menu has a help feature, allowing user to navigate to several dependent help categories, the help feature being able to be selected by a user.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the selected upcoming program information display options are indicated by highlighting.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the display options menu is displayed in a popup window on the monitor display screen.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the upcoming program information includes presenting a title on display, the title corresponding to an upcoming program to be shown on the same channel.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein displaying the selected upcoming program information further includes presenting a starting and ending time of the upcoming program.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the selected upcoming program information display options are selected from the group consisting of a source option such that the user can specify a source for which the upcoming program information is desired and a time option such that the user can specify a time period for which the upcoming program information is desired.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the upcoming program information is displayed for a specified amount of time, the amount of time being preprogrammed by a user, such that the upcoming program information is no longer displayed after expiration of the specified amount of time.

10. The method of claim 10, wherein specified amount of time is five seconds.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the upcoming program information is displayed in a bottom right hand corner of the monitor display screen.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the upcoming program information is displayed in a rectangular shaped box on the monitor display screen.

13. A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed by at least one processor, causes the at least one processor to perform a method comprising:

providing, on a display options menu, a plurality of upcoming program information display options, at least one of the upcoming program information display options being selected by a user;

receiving the selected upcoming program information display options to specify the upcoming program information to be displayed; and

displaying the upcoming program information specified by the

selected display option on the monitor display screen.

14. The machine-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the display options menu has a return feature, allowing user to navigate back to preference menu, the return feature being able to be selected by a user.

15. The machine-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the display options menu has a help feature, allowing user to navigate to several dependent help categories, the help feature being able to be selected by a user.

16. The machine-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the selected upcoming program information display options are indicated by highlighting.

17. The machine-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the display options menu is displayed in a popup window on the monitor display screen.

18. The machine-readable medium of claim 14, wherein displaying the upcoming program information includes presenting a title on display, the title corresponding to an upcoming program to be shown on the same channel.

19. The machine-readable medium of claim 14, wherein displaying the selected upcoming program information display options upcoming program information further includes presenting a starting and ending time of the upcoming program.

20. The machine-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the selected upcoming program information display options are selected from the group consisting of a source option such that the user can specify a source for which the upcoming program information is desired and a time option such that the user can specify a time period for which the upcoming program information is desired.

21. The machine-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the upcoming program information is displayed for a specified amount of time, the amount of time

being preprogrammed by a user, such that the upcoming program information is no longer displayed after expiration of the specified amount of time.

22. The machine-readable medium of claim 23, wherein specified amount of time is five seconds.

23. The machine-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the upcoming program information is displayed in a bottom right hand corner of the monitor display screen.

24. The machine-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the upcoming program information is displayed in a rectangular shaped box on the monitor display screen.

25. A system for displaying upcoming program information, the system comprising:
a display;
an input configured to receive user input; and
a processor coupled to the display and the input, said processor displaying a broadcast of a program, receiving upcoming program information, overlaying a display of at least one portion of the broadcast at least one portion of the upcoming program information.

26. The system of claim 25, wherein the at least one portion of the upcoming program information is displayed for a specified amount of time, the amount of time being preprogrammed by a user, such that the upcoming program information is no longer displayed after expiration of the specified amount of time.

27. The system of claim 25, wherein the at least one portion of the upcoming program information is selected from the group consisting of a source, such that the upcoming program information displayed is for a user- specified source, and a time, such that the upcoming program information displayed is for a user-specified time period.

28. The system of claim 25, wherein the at least one portion of the upcoming program information includes a starting and ending time of the upcoming program.

29. The system of claim 25, wherein the at least one portion of the upcoming program information includes a title, the title corresponding to an upcoming program to be shown on the same channel.

30. A method for displaying upcoming program information comprising:
displaying a broadcast of a program;
receive upcoming program information; and
displaying at least one portion of the upcoming program information over the displayed broadcast.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein the at least one portion of the upcoming program information is displayed for a specified amount of time, the amount of time being preprogrammed by a user, such that the upcoming program information is no longer displayed after expiration of the specified amount of time.

32. The method of claim 30, wherein the at least one portion of the upcoming program information is selected from the group consisting of a source, such that the upcoming program information displayed is for a user- specified source, and a time, such that the upcoming program information displayed is for a user-specified time period.

33. The method of claim 30, wherein the at least one portion of the upcoming program information includes a starting and ending time of the upcoming program.

34. The system of claim 30, wherein the at least one portion of the upcoming program information includes a title, the title corresponding to an upcoming program to be shown on the same channel.

35. A display for indicating upcoming program information comprising:
a first image comprising an upcoming program information display options menu, including a plurality of upcoming program information display options, at least one option being selected by a user; and
an input configured to receive user input; and
a second image comprising the upcoming program information determined by the selected at least one option.

36. The display of claim 35, wherein the upcoming program information determined by the selected at least one option includes a title, the title corresponding to an upcoming program to be shown on the same channel.

37. The display of claim 35, wherein the upcoming program information determined by the selected at least one option further includes presenting a starting and ending time of the upcoming program.

38. The display of claim 35, wherein the upcoming program information display options include a source option, such that the user can specify a source for which the upcoming program information is desired, and a time option, such that the user can specify a time period for which the upcoming program information is desired.

39. The display of claim 35, wherein the second image is displayed for a specified amount of time, the amount of time being preprogrammed by a user, such that the upcoming program information is no longer displayed after expiration of the specified amount of time.